



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS**

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Commission on Minority Affairs was held on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 9:43am, pursuant to public notice: Via video conference call between all locations :(Las Vegas). State Building LV 555 E. Washington Suite 4900 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, and (Carson City) Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry 1830 College Pkwy Suite # 100 Carson City, NV 89706 Conference call: Carson City: 775-687-0999 Las Vegas: 702-486-5260
Participant's Collaboration Code: 64575

1. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Chair Commissioner Jane Lee called the meeting to order at 9:43 am.

B. Present: C. Jane Lee (present); C. Chadha (present); C. Berna Rhodes-Ford Esq. (present) C. Yolanda Flores MD. (Phone), C. Kari Emm (phone) and Miriam Lira-Hickerson, Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities-Department of B&I. (present). Marcel F. Schaerer DD Department of Business and Industry. (present)

B.1. Public Attendance: Nevada Succeeds Staff (3): Brent Husson, President; Dave Berns, Director of Communications; Jen Fleischmann Willoughby, Director of Partnerships & Engagement; Anna Siefert (Women Business Enterprise Council West).

C. Commissioners Absent: C. Cole.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT : N/A

3. BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE COMMISSION:

A. Approval of June 20, 2016, meeting minutes (for discussion and possible action).
C. Rhodes-Ford moved to approved, C Chadha seconded. Motion carried.

B. Nevada Succeeds presentation (for discussion and possible action).
President Husson presented. Formed in January 2013 by businesses in an effort to be more involved in the education. The three action items this organization and the advisors from business and elected officials are: Strengthening school leadership, recruiting/retaining high quality teachers, and creating positive and high performing school cultures. Current attempts include creating a pathway for personal growth and professional growth for teachers which includes additional compensation. Their request is looking for the community for support and the Education Sub-Committee will be in contact to see how they can leverage the efforts of the Nevada Succeeds.

- C. HealthCare Sub-committee first community event in Reno, Washoe County. Date August 13, 2016 Commissioner Yolanda Flores to lead the discussion. (Update, no action necessary).
The *Mujeres Y Dinero* (Women's Money) event will be directed towards the Spanish-speaking community. The topic that will be discussed will be on the connection between health and finances. Obesity and the challenges will be discussed and diet and exercise recommendations as a remedy. Travel to rural or other areas in the state can be reimbursed by the Commission for the Commissioners.- This trip is with no-cost to the budget of the Commission FY-17.
- D. Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs banner, table dressing (for discussion and possible action).
Three bids were submitted for a banner and table dressing. Both the banner and table dressing were approved. Ombudsman Lira-Hickerson stated that after these expenses there are still \$4000 left for travel for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion requested that C Rhodes-Ford will be working with the printer and Ombudsman to finalize the design. C Rhodes-Ford moved to approve, C Chadha seconded. Motion carried.
- E. 2016 – 2018 Vacant Positions: Recommendations for reappointment and calling for nomination (for discussion and possible action).

No recommendations at this time. Chair requested that recommendations be submitted by the end of the week. These people will contact the Ombudsman. Telephone interviews will be conducted for out of state potential Commissioners. A letter of interest and resume will need to be submitted by the end of the week. C Rhodes-Ford asked that the Commission get in sync with the dates and create deadlines with submitting recommendations so that these Commissioners can serve for a complete year versus a partial year. Chair confirmed that this can be completed in Quorum.
- F. New Business/Comments or Items of Discussion.
Chair asked that June and July activity reports be submitted as soon as possible. Chair will begin to including this information in an end-of-the-year report to show the legislature to show how the work the Commission is doing. All reports requested are to be submitted by October to be ready by the end of November for the Governor. C Rhodes-Ford is wondering if the Commission should get involved in town hall meetings but there are other events for minority communities that are occurring that the Commission can be involved in to move forward the mission of the Commission.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anna Seifert asked that the Commission make the Subcommittee report as part of the monthly agenda. Seifert suggested that if law enforcement can come to a meeting of the Commission, they would be able to see the work that is happening for minorities through this Commission. C Chadha asked if the Commission could create the Law Enforcement Sub-committee. Chair stated not at this moment because it is not Quorum. As another suggestion by Anna Seifert, Ombudsman asked that all who want to add a comment submit it ASAP. The Chair stated that comments are to be sent at least 2 weeks prior to the Commission meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Action to adjourn meeting at 11:25 pm. Moved by Commissioner Rhodes-Ford, seconded by C. Chadha. Motion carried.